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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed as a part of the national stage entry of PCT application PCT/EP03/009518, which was filed on 28 August 2003, which is in turn based on German patent application number 202 13 613.2, filed on 29 August 2002. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 14 total and 1 independent claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION – are reflected in the substitute specification submitted herewith in clean copy and marked-up copy versions.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT – are reflected on page 6

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS – are presented on page 7 and in substitute drawing sheets 1/5 and 2/5 for Figs 1 and 2, respectively.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS – begin on page 8

An **Appendix** including substitute drawing Figs 1 and 2 are attached following page 9 of this paper.